

Remarks

This is responsive to the Office action dated November 14, 2008. In that action, the examiner asserts that Applicant's response dated July 21, 2008, to the Office action of March 20, 2008, is non-responsive.

Claims 13 through 19 are pending in the application.

Claims 13 through 19 are cancelled.

Claims 20 through 22 are added.

With this Response, claims 20 through 22 remain pending.

Claim 20 reflects the subject matter of original claim 11, with limitations of original base claim 8. Claim 20 includes the subject matter of original claim 11, which was indicated to be allowable by the Office action dated March 20, 2008. Claim 20 is also modified relative to original claim 11 (and 10) to overcome the rejection of claim 11 under section 112, of the March 20, 2008 action. Specifically to address the rejection of claim 11 under section 112, claim 20 specifies that in addition to a "bone anchor located in the pubic bone," the steps of claim 20 include placing an "anchor" at a ligament. The anchor placed at a ligament is referred to as the "anchor to be placed at a ligament" to clarify that the "anchor to be placed at a ligament" is different from the "bone anchor located in the pubic bone."

Claim 21, dependent on claim 20, includes the subject matter of claim 12, which was indicated to be allowable by the Office action dated March 20, 2008.

Claims 22 reflects the subject matter of original claims 9 and is believed to be patentable, e.g., based on dependence on claim 20.

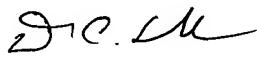
Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the foregoing is fully responsive to the communications on record. In the event that a phone conference between the Examiner and the Applicant's undersigned attorney would help resolve any issues in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact said attorney at (651) 275-9806.

Respectfully Submitted,

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